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# Editorially Speaking

## In Weakness, Strength

*... God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.*

In these few words we find another of God's paradoxs. How strange that He should set this principle in order which is so contrary to our human belief. Everything we can learn about life teaches us the mighty will triumph and the weak will be overcome.

But God is not limited by human standards. He uses the weak. Yet notice the words "of the world." This seems to indicate His desire to use human instruments. He is willing to take our earthly, human effort in all its weakness and use it to bring glory to Himself. How sensible this is. If the mighty accomplished great deeds the glory would be their's and not God's. So His whole aim in this is pain; to receive honor and glory unto Himself.

In any case, He does use the weak and we must bear this in mind. In our times of greatest weakness we may be our strongest for God. In fact, as we realize the weakness of our effort our attention is drawn to His strength — and then we learn to trust Him.

The conclusion is simple. The weak in God are not weak at all. They have at their disposal all the wisdom, power, might and energy of heaven. To be humanly weak is to be strong in the Lord.

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## The Cover Picture

This sea of young faces is but a small part of the group of children and young people which are attending camps throughout the District this summer. Read in next months Glad Tidings Magazine the report of what they do at camp and what camp does for them.



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# Adoption



by  
**HELEN  
BOARDMAN**

**J**oy was reigning in a farm house in Southern Oregon. Adoption. What magic was in that one word for this young couple after so many weary months of waiting. Now the morning mail had brought them a welcome letter from the Adoption Agency in Portland with the welcome news they had been chosen to be parents. Before many days another notice was received with the news that Ray and Jane were to come for their baby boy. Oh, what joy in that home! And how busy the couple found themselves! There was so much to be done before everything would be in readiness for the little one soon to come to live with them.

Soon the trip to Portland was made and the couple had a baby boy just two months of age. The arms that had been empty for so long were well filled now and the days were also full. Best of all, a home where Christian principles were taught had been provided for another homeless little one. Yes, this is a true story and it reminds us of a text in Romans 8:15, 16, "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

Before earthly parents are chosen by the state they must prove they are worthy to bear the name of parents. The state adoption agencies are very

particular that the couple in question prove their ability to raise a child or children in every minute particular. The home is carefully examined, the history of the couple is considered, and much that seems very personal about each of the proposed parents is carefully considered long before the welcome news that they are chosen by the state to be parents.

Spiritually, adoption is not such a hard state in which to find oneself. For Christ has made it possible that whosoever will may be adopted into the family of God! Mankind is lost in the maze of sin. Since the beginning of time when Adam and Eve had allowed sin to come into their hearts man has been bound by fear. But the second Adam left heaven's glories and came to earth to make a way of adoption for whosoever would.

Just before leaving this earth that had rejected the Son of Man, Christ told His faithful disciples that even though He was soon to leave them another Comforter was coming. He is the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit that witnesses to the hearts of the redeemed that they are the very children of God.

Yes, we have the Spirit of Adoption that whispers to our hearts we have a home prepared and waiting for us. And so, with great joy we are preparing for an abundant entrance into that home where we know we will have a place even as adopted children in a home.

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PASTOR



MISSIONARY

**Question:** You have joined the faculty of Bethany Bible College. We would like to ask how you view the prospects of living in California and being part of the Northern California and Nevada District?

**Answer:** I do not hesitate to answer that question. My mother and sisters live in Southern California and for years have asked that we come too. But I could not respond to that invitation on account of my church assignment. Now that I am released I come not only to respond to their invitation, but to this wonderful part of the

**Question:** Your ministry has covered missionary work, pastoring, administration, teaching and writing. Which of these do you prefer?

**Answer:** Your question makes me think of a similar question of a father or mother of a group of children. Which child do you prefer above the others? It is impossible to answer that question, for true parents love all their children equally. Looking back over the various types of ministry the Lord has given me, I enjoyed my six years as a missionary in Africa immensely. These were

**Glad Tidings Magazine has an Interview with**

## **RALPH M. RIGGS**

**on his Ministry, Personal Life and Views of the Future**

country that has attracted them for so many years. I find a very cordial welcome, and warm friendships and fellowship on this entire coast, from north to south. Actually that warms anybody's heart, and it makes my wife and me feel particularly delighted to come here. I confess I have succumbed to the charm of this weather and am delighted with the prospect of mild winters and such comfortable summers. We look forward to these with pleasure. Thus, the delightful Pentecostal fellowship and association with people we love, together with all else, makes the prospect of living here very delightful indeed.

**Question:** Your personal ministry has had a very good effect in this movement. To what one factor do you credit the success of your ministry?

**Answer:** This leaves me somewhat baffled. I am grateful to the Lord for any measure of influence I may have had. I think particularly our young people in Bible colleges and Bible schools around the country are my friends, and God has graciously enabled me to help them. He has helped me to write a book or two on pastoral problems and success, and a pastor's guide. "The Spirit Himself" seems to have been accepted. It has been a joy to write articles for Pentecostal Evangel. Then too it has been my good fortune to have been invited to speak at camp meetings and district councils as well as ministers' institutes. These have been a very happy areas of ministry. I just believe God has helped and I am very anxious to give Him all the glory for the ministry He has given me.

basic to me and have had far reaching influence in my life. Then too, I have been supremely happy in pastoral work and if I may be excused for saying so, I feel that the Lord gave me a pastor's heart. My writing has logically developed through Bible school work. Teaching in Bible schools required a preparation of text books, syllabi, notes and etc. These in some instances have expanded into books. Thus the teaching and writing are closely linked. As far as administration is concerned I will be very honest with you. This has been forced upon me. Somehow or another I have just "fallen" into these offices through no desire or planning of my own. Finding myself first a district superintendent and later with other assignments in our general fellowship. I have done my best to discharge those duties as unto the Lord. May I conclude this review by saying that I am supremely happy now to devote my entire time to preaching, teaching and possibly writing.

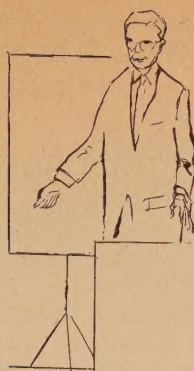
**Question:** You were at the formation of the General Council in Hot Springs in 1914. Has the spiritual tide of our churches and people risen or declined since then?

**Answer:** In those days there was great zeal. There was a trusting God by faith for one's support. Much antipathy was aroused. The Pentecostal message was new. Tongues were shied away from and feared. Tents were burned down and speakers were rotten-egged and thrown into jail in some instances. All of this called for real courage, devotion and faith in God on the part of the pioneers of





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our movement. I had a little part in that era, thank God. Since then there has been development in our fellowship. I prefer to use that word. Persecution has waned. If we have proven our cause and demonstrated the soundness of our position and convinced our fellow Christians of our orthodoxy, I would not count that on the wrong side of the ledger. I think that represents real progress. As regards the spirituality, zeal and faith, it must be admitted that in a few cases we do have people who appear to be riding along, feathering their nests and taking material and financial advantage of the ministry. I say "in some cases" and this must not be over-emphasized. On the whole I believe our young people as well as our missionaries and home mission workers and our evangelists are zealous and sincere, willing to suffer and trust God for their support; pushing this Gospel today as we did 40 or 50 years ago. Spirituality means to me expressing the Spirit of Christ. I am very happy in the fellowship of this present generation who show such a beautiful spirit of loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ. Many things exist today that did not then. There are tremendous improvements; elimination of extravagances and excesses which occurred in those early days. These have been eliminated by co-operation and understanding, and by organization. We must not lose our zeal, or our willingness to live by faith. Nor our pioneer spirit and the courage which was so marked in the early days.

**Question:** Why has not the Assemblies of God made academic qualification for their ministers?

**Answer:** I am very happy to answer that. My illustration may be a little irregular but let's try it. Lightning does not have any particular rules as to where it is going to strike. I mean by that the call of God can rest upon a college man and upon a humble fisherman. I think that the call of God and the burden for lost souls, as well as the love for Jesus Christ is the one outstanding essential as qualification for Gospel preaching. In this day in which we live an academic education is an advantage in the sense of giving one entree into a broader area of society. It is a wholesome and proper thing, and it is recommended that our young people shall qualify themselves in such matters. But it would be a sad day for our church to make an academic requirement as qualification for the ministry. We ought to have a good education and particularly a theological education but let us never harness ourselves to that extent where we will demand of our candidates for the ministry that they have a certain degree of academic education.

**Question:** Has mass evangelism reached any depth or is it just a surface movement?

**Answer:** The answer would vary according to the circle which we are considering in this matter. I would like to think that revivals in our local churches are deep, genuine and helpful, and as a matter of fact are necessary to the development and growth of our local churches. City-wide evangelism under leadership of our own evangelists could be thus likewise if they were carefully conducted regarding the type of altar services, the thoroughness of the after meetings and the carefulness of the follow-up and preservation of results. When you go beyond that I am sorry to say that I am not free to diagnose the situation because I am not too familiar with the results which have followed. There seems to be a question about the effectiveness and permanency of the results of these meetings, but I would simply say, God bless everybody who is preaching His Word, and may He make that Word effective.

**Question:** Do you foresee any possibility of a merger with other Pentecostal groups in the Assemblies of God in future years?

**Answer:** Some months ago an effort was made by some of us to approach others of Pentecostal persuasion with the thought of a closer working together. A very careful, guarded and considerate approach was made to at least two sister organizations and careful thought was given for a number of months. Particularly at the grass roots there was appreciation of this prospect. Sorry to say, however, there were those in places of influence who did not endorse the move and thus, to use a common expression, it died on the vine. For that reason I would say there seems to be no immediate prospect of merging together of the Pentecostal denominations. We are affiliated with the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America. There are some ten or twelve district organizations who are associated in this loose fellowship and that, I believe, will be all that we can obtain in the way of close fellowship and merging together for sometime to come.

**Question:** You have lived in Springfield for thirty years. While living among the people of the Gospel Publishing House, the General Council and the other Assemblies of God institutions there, did you find this a congenial and pleasant society to live in or just what are your impressions in this regard?

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## Riggs Interview

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**Answer:** I am very happy to answer that question and I trust that my answer will be taken at its face value and as deeply sincere. When I was invited to be pastor of Central Assembly in Springfield some thirty years ago, some of my friends wondered whether I was wise in responding to this call. They questioned my judgment in so doing for there seemed to be an impression that it would be difficult for anyone to pastor in such a composite situation. As I look back on those eight years I am happy to report that there were no more loyal, staunch, beautiful-spirited men in my congregation than the executives of that generation. It has continued so. Teachers at both schools as well as the student bodies, as they have come and gone, have all contributed to this happy fellowship.

When I moved into the executive realm it was my turn to show that same spirit to successive pastors. It was a joy to be the chairman of their board of elders as well as a member of their church. I was very delighted with the fellowship and opportunity to co-operate with such fine men of God. My thirty years in Springfield have been supremely happy and delightful. My association on the executive board these past six years as I held the general superintendent's office has been without flaw or defect. There has been harmony, happy fellowship and sweet co-operation in all of our projects. We did nothing that was not done by unanimous approval. I am very happy to report this.

**Question:** In getting acquainted with you as a man rather than as a general superintendent of our movement we would be interested in knowing something about your family, your children, etc. and anything of interest that you would have to add here.

**Answer:** When you say family you bring to mind first of all my good wife. She was an ordained minister and a missionary in her own right in South Africa for three years before I met her. We have, therefore, blended together very beautifully having the same objectives, consecration and the same conception of what Christian devotion should be. I assure you this has been tremendously gratifying. God has given us two lovely daughters. My eldest girl, now Merian Wacker, was born in Kroonstad, South Africa when we were missionaries there.

## Missionaries Abroad

by Harriet P. Wilson

### WEST AFRICA —

Ralph and Velma Cobb, Nigeria, write of attending the Billy Graham meetings and of his visit to one of their bush churches. An important part of their work in Nigeria is the dispensary. In the past year over 10,000 cases were treated. While a nurse does this work the Cobbs are free to deal with those treated and give out literature.

### JAMAICA —

Helen Rye, Montego Bay, has been holding children's services in the country. Several mothers and many teen-agers were saved. Evening classes were held for teacher training. Plans are made for an August VBS to reach 800 to 1000 in Kingston. Four months training is provided for the workers. Pray for this effort.

### SOUTH AFRICA —

Lewis and Lenore Wilson, Witbank, Transvaal, at last writing were returning from a month spent seeing

Her husband, Chaplain Grant Wacker has pastored two Assemblies of God churches and is at present the public relations director of Evangel College. They have two fine sons, aged 15 and 9 who are very dear to our hearts. My other daughter, Venda Joy, is married to a Canadian minister, Donnel McLean. At the present time they are Assemblies of God missionaries in Kobe, Japan. They have two little girls and it almost broke our hearts when they left us last July for a second term. God has been very good to us and we are exceedingly grateful to Him for two fine girls and two wonderful sons-in-law.

the mission field of Nyasaland. They visited with the Paul Wrights and H. B. Garlocks and flew over Victoria Falls. In contrast 150 miles was driven in second gear when the car was damaged by a rock and repair was impossible. The closing of the spring term for vacation made possible this trip and has inspired them for even greater effort in the Bible Institute.

## PERSONAL MENTION

**PASTOR RALPH GAITHER**, Wasco, writes since his returning to Wasco, after pastoring El Cerrito fourteen months, they have built and the church was dedicated June 12. Assistant Superintendent T. C. Cunningham of the Southern California District brought the message and Pastor Dwight McLaughlin of Bakersfield prayed the dedicatory prayer. The seating capacity is 274.

**EVANGELIST W. T. and INEZ SCOTT** held a Pentecost Week Crusade May 29-June 5 for Pastor A. A. Wilson of Kansas City, Mo.

**PASTOR WESLEY STEELBERG**, North Hollywood, had as guest speaker June 12 former General Superintendent Ralph Riggs. The Oran Duncans, evangelists, just closed a revival.

**DOROTHY (Thurmond) CHAPMAN** wife of Ivan Chapman, Evangel College professor of social science, was graduated from Evangel College May 27th with highest honors. They will be residing in Colombia, Mo. this next school term where Mr. Chapman will be teaching and working on his doctorate at the University of Missouri. Later he expects to resume his teaching duties on the staff at Evangel. Dorothy is the oldest daughter of Pastor and Mrs. R. J. Thurmond of Rodeo.

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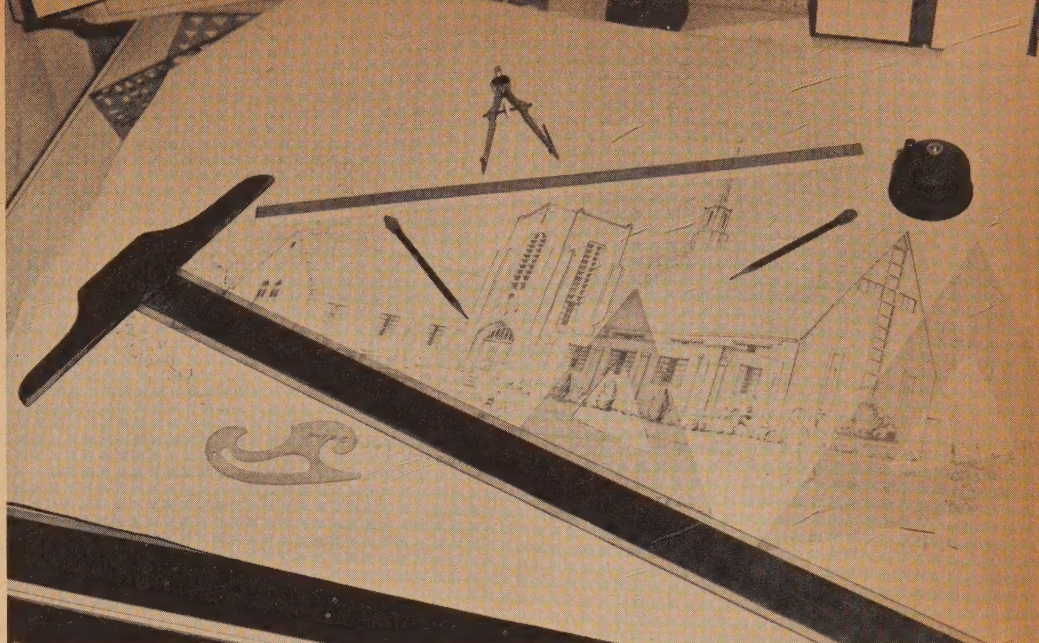
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**R**ecognition of the need for competent professional architectural services in a church building program is something that probably grows with a denomination. Smaller churches especially are likely to feel that they can and must get along without an architect because of the additional financial costs entailed. This is a mistaken point of view. The burden of this article is to show that, no matter what the size of the church, money spent on professional designing is the best possible investment. An architect should not be considered as extra expense, but as necessary as any other master workman in building God's house. Inadequate plans are far more costly than the services of the best architect.

*Part III*



# Church Building and the Architect

Pointers to help you choose the best professional assistance

by Martin H. Heicksen \*

Church planning has in it something of degree, as well as developmental stages. The simplest is when a small group, feeling their need for a building of their own in which to worship, builds according to the plans provided by some non-professional local person — the pastor, or a carpenter or contractor in the group. While it cannot be denied that such buildings often achieve a certain kind of functional usefulness, more often than not they are disappointing in the aesthetic sense. They may actually detract from the worship atmosphere, and be physically uncomfortable as well. It has been our observation in very many instances that for an overall expenditure of virtually the same amount, with adequate architectural services, the congregation might have had a building providing beauty, comfort, functionality, and satisfying to both congregation and community.

Admittedly, it is a difficult problem for small and isolated churches to secure complete architectural services. Efforts have been made to solve this problem by supplying stock plans, without architectural supervision. This is usually a more adequate approach than that described in the preceding paragraph, especially if the plans are supplied by a denominational head-

quarters instead of a lumber yard, but is still very unsatisfactory, and subject to many pitfalls. No single solution of a design problem is very applicable to another situation without extensive modification. Sites vary, as does climate, materials, public taste in different parts of the country, etc. The stock plan is a very poor answer to the need of the small church, or new congregation.

A third stage of design solution is provided by engineers, construction experts, and those specializing in various types of design other than church planning. Buildings planned by such persons are likely to be adequately designed with respect to heating and ventilation, enough lighting, public safety, and quality construction. They are equally likely to be aesthetically disappointing, and spiritually uncomfortable. The touch and creativity of the architect is lacking.

Architecture is an art, and not a science. It requires aesthetic and creative talent, and is one of the highly specialized professions. The competent architect must have technical skill and knowledge, business and executive ability, as well as artistic talent, with a background of general scholarship. The building committee will normally make choice of the architect, and in this selection there

are a number of factors to be considered. If at all possible, they should secure an architect with previous church experience, and will examine his past design achievements. Of course, there are designers who have not had church experience, but with serious study of the work may do well. But if the architect is a churchman himself, and more fortunate still, of the same communication, it is all in his favor. He will have some historical perspective and insight into denominational trends, and be more sympathetic to the program of the local church. Remember that his past work may not be a complete reflection of his ability. It may be what he was told to do, or what the congregation wanted, or reflect budget limitations. Of importance too is the kind of church building wanted, for when a congregation knows or finds this it will help determine the architect to be selected. Architectural styles are changing, church life and activities are vastly different than in the past, and architects themselves vary considerably in their individual solutions to similar problems.

Complete architectural services in general include: 1) site plans, which may be a simple layout, or an overall master plan including future building and landscaping development; 2) pre-

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\*Chairman District Building and Land Committee



## News From Our Churches -

### CARMICHAEL —

The First Assembly's Kids' Crusade was conducted by Florence Coryell, June 26-July 1. A reception was held in honor of the spring graduates with guests Eddie and Ruth Washington bringing special music. At the annual church business meeting Pastor L. W. Suter was elected to serve an indefinite term. The new assistant pastor is Bill Stewart.

### CARSON CITY, NEV. —

Capitol Assembly enjoyed the ministry of District Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart, June 12. On June 19 the Bethany Bible College summer group presented an evening of sacred music. Faculty member Fred Greve brought the message. Pastor Dwight Burchett reports a remodeling program has been started and the church is progressing. He was recently guest speaker at the graduation banquet in Central Assembly, Richmond.

### LAS VEGAS, NEV. —

Trinity Assembly was host to the annual Memorial Day Nevada Section Fellowship Meeting, May 30, with Joseph L. Gerhart, speaker. Jack Thompson, Riverside, Calif., conducted the Kids' Crusade, June 12-19. Trinity Assembly has been given a new location in the city and is anticipating a future enlargement. The pastor is Wilbur Wacker.

### LEGGETT —

Evangelist Sally Ladd conducted a Kids' Crusade recently when 12 were saved. The pastor is R. L. Nordin.

### LINCOLN —

Full Gospel Church recently com-

pleted a successful V.B.S. One of the features was a senior division which met at night composed of 8th grader through college age. Bible studies suitable to each age group were conducted and each evening either a guest speaker was present or a Christian film was shown. The junior group met in the morning. Increased attendance, better discipline and more available teachers were advantages enjoyed. The local newspaper took a picture of the evening group dressed in Centennial costume for the "Wagons, Hol" theme. Carl W. Oney is pastor.

### MODESTO —

Mrs. Alpha Henson was guest speaker at Bethel Church just prior to Pastor L. B. Lewis' return from his trip to Central America.

### RICHMOND —

Central Assembly enjoyed a Men's

Fellowship dinner featuring a father and son night, June 20. Music was provided by the Assemblymen quartet and an official army film was shown. Col. King was speaker. Russel Griffin is pastor.

### SACRAMENTO —

Bethel Temple was host to the Capitol Section Fellowship Meeting June 13. Pastors Don North of Grass Valley and Oliver Foth of Calvary Temple, Oakland, were speakers. Music from Calvary Temple was provided by their young people. A Mid-Summer Revival was held in July with Evangelist Tommy Barnett. Special speakers for Pastor Henson recently were Paul Bruton, Sr. and George Branch.

### SAN JOSE —

Calvary Temple was host to a choir festival, June 18, when choirs from Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Campbell, Bethel and First Assembly in San Jose joined with Calvary. This was planned and conducted by Lawrence Sampson, choir director at Calvary Temple.

Recent Missionary guests included Irene Webster Smith from Japan and

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Lincoln group carries out "Wagons, Hol" theme.

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## Missionaries

### At Home

By Margaret Bond

#### GOOD, LELAND —

Friends who are interested in having the Leland Goods for services may reach them at 1715 18th Avenue, San Francisco. Any assistance toward helping them attain their goal of leaving for Bolivia in the early Fall will be most welcome.

#### LEHMANN, HAROLD —

The Lehmanns have bid farewell to this District and after spending a few weeks in other areas expect to sail for Ghana, West Africa, in the near future.

#### LUCE, MAURICE —

Missionary services conducted by the Luces have been very inspiring and helpful. They are often assisted by a Samoan choir.

#### RENFROE, ROBERT —

The Renfroes have been granted an extension of one year on their furlough due to the serious illness of Sister Renfroe.

#### SONDENO, FREDOLF —

The Sondenos still have need of definite pledged support in order to meet their sailing date of September 5. Pray that the Lord will help them to return to the field of Japan while the door is still open to the Gospel.

#### STEWART, MELVIN —

The Stewarts are planning to begin itinerating in the early Fall.

## NEWS FROM CHURCHES —

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a group of Far East Broadcasting Company personnel, including Bob Bowman and Wm. Roberts. Pictures were shown of the installations at Manilla and Okinawa. Kermit Jeffrey is pastor.

#### SANTA ROSA —

First Assembly's 5th Annual World Missionary Convention was held June 17-19 featuring the R. J. Renfroes and Gretchen Lehmann. The pastor is Adrian Benning.

#### VALLEJO —

First Assembly Pastor Paul Trulin ministered in two churches while

vacationing in Washington recently. During that time he was honored at the Northwest Bible College of which he is an alumnus. Noel Wilson and Glen Parks filled the pulpit in his absence.

#### NORTH SACRAMENTO —

First Assembly observed a day of dedication, July 10, with District Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart, speaker. The site was purchased by the late E. L. Slavens in 1954. After his sudden death in 1956, Thomas Ming continued the building program and Pastor Robert Clark has led the congregation in the completion of the building.

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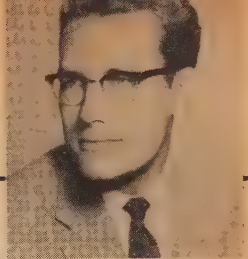
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# Sunday School Department

DAVE COLBERT, Director



## Are You In Step ?

Since its beginning in October 1958 the Gold Crown Workers Fellowship program has become a blessing to many Sunday schools. The relatively new program honors the faithfulness of *individual* Sunday school workers. Throughout the Sunday school year—October to September—workers are graded according to four divisions (superintendents, departmental superintendents, teachers, and secretaries) and at the end of the year are awarded the GCWF certificate and corresponding pin or insert numeral as their faithfulness merits such recognition.

Your Sunday school workers will appreciate individual recognition for faithfulness and accomplishment. If your school has not already adopted this program, write today for GCWF information and promotional items. Your district director or the National Sunday School Department will supply you with complete information concerning the Gold Crown Workers Fellowship program.

## Santa Rosa Has Missionary Sunday School Class

The Crusaders for Christ Sunday School class in the Santa Rosa Assembly of God has recently acquired new missionary vision. The teacher, Mrs. Marie Smith, realized there were those in the class who did not give to missions. She prayed that God would give them a definite project.

Soon after this she learned of a young minister, Alfred Elgin, who had just begun working among the Indians at Gardenville, Nevada. The class began to pray about his needs and one by one they expressed their feeling that this should be the class project.

First boxes of clothing were sent. Then a truck load of furniture which even included a rug for the altar. An

amount of money was sent to supplement Brother Elgin's small income. Then at Easter the class sent new clothes for the Elgin family. Finally, they pledged \$55.00 each month to prove their new found missionary vision.

Inadvertently, the Crusaders for Christ learned that Brother Elgin was going to lose his car because of such a small budget on which to live. Realizing a car is so essential to carry on God's works, without hesitation they made the back payments. Beyond this they assumed the remaining balance thus leaving Missionary Elgin of this burden to carry on his work.

This is the record of what God's people can do when they catch the vision and obey.

## Plan to attend A.C.T.S. Aug. 22-26

The latter part of August will find many of our Sunday school leaders on their way to the Advanced Christian Training School for a week of intensified leadership training. A. C. T. S. will convene on the centrally located campus of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri.

The 7th annual session of A. C. T. S., sponsored by the National Sunday School Department, promises a new variety and selection of courses for every student. Faculty members are specialized in their subjects and will approach problems from the practical side.

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A catalog containing detailed information concerning A. C. T. S. is available upon request from the National Sunday School Department. Write for your copy today and plan now to attend!

## Enlargement Theme Announced

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# Men's Fellowship



WALT HANSON, President



## THE CONVERSION OF JIM WOOD

by Carroll D. Holloway

It had been a wonderful service in Galt Assembly of God. The glory of God's presence had been present throughout the evening. Brother Walt Hansen, President of the Men's Fellowship of our Northern California District, had just completed a heart-stirring message on winning men. Men throughout the building were making new consecrations for the service of soul winning. A number of teen-age fellows had also volunteered for this service and answered the call as the Spirit of God moved.

It seemed like everyone in the auditorium was gathering around the altar to pray for these men and young people. Although the atmosphere was charged with the presence of God, it seemed to have little effect upon a middle-aged gentleman by the name of Jim Wood. It wasn't the first time that Jim sat through a service like this. Service after service, month after month until now it ran into years without being moved by God's presence.

Evangelists, ministers and laymen had spoken to him in regard to his soul yet he would not yield. Jim's good wife continually prayed for him. Not once did she doubt her God. She knew that He would answer and she looked forward to that day when they would be united as one for God.

Jim had attended Bethel Temple in Galt for ten years. He brought his family to church faithfully every Sunday morning and evening. Not only did he bring them, but he sat with them during the services. He saw to it that each child had prepared the lesson for that Sunday. He enjoyed lending a hand on many church projects. Just one thing was lacking and that was yielding his heart to the Lord.

Now years had passed by without the indwelling of a personal Savior. Friends of the church constantly prayed for his return to the Lord. Could this be the night that the prayers of so many were to be answered? Or

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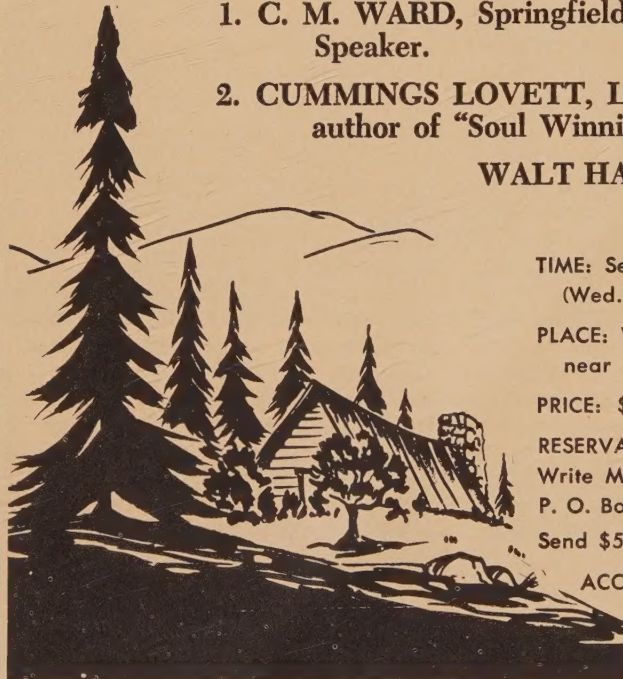
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to call upon God as never before.

Finally the cry went forth, "He is on his knees." A victorious cry of rejoicing came from the prayer warriors. Shortly thereafter Jim Wood

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## Church Building

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liminary drawings and designs, which are subject to modification until satisfactory objectives are reached; 3) complete plans and specifications for the contractors; and 4) supervision of construction. When an architect is retained it should be on the basis of whole services. Too often his supervision is dispensed with because it entails an additional 2% of fees, but here is where the whole job may fail to achieve a really satisfactory conclusion. It is a tremendous task to carry out specifications entirely, and when a church starts with knowing what it wants, it should be entrusted to someone who will carry it through. It is false economy to go without the architect's supervision, and if the church will save, this is not the place to do it.

A contract between the church and the architect is proper, and the standard AIA (American Institute of Architects) form is quite satisfactory, having equal protection for both parties, and stating terms of service, fees and manner of payment. Architect's fees vary, but 8% of cost of the finished building may be fairly average. Percentages may be higher for smaller jobs, and proportionally less for larger ones. The architect is a professional man, and though he may be a Christian and a church member, he should certainly never be pressured for discount, or services without remuneration. If he wishes to make a contribution, he will prefer to do it another way. Few laymen realize the great requirement in time and costs in even a small planning situation, to say nothing of the tremendous investment in professional training to qualify for this kind of work. Payment of fees is handled in different ways. Quite often 25% may be expected at completion of the preliminary draw-

ings, another 50% at completion of working drawings and specifications, and the final 25% at the completion of building, or at a certain stage of its construction.

Having engaged an architect, the church should trust him, as it might any other competent professional in medicine, or law, etc. Architects are primarily interested in their work and take deep pleasure in it, therefore they should be given as much opportunity for expression as possible, in order to achieve a beautiful and satisfying building. It is wholly unethical to make changes in plans and specifications of any sort during construction, even if supervision was not arranged for. When a building is in process of construction, ideas concerning changes are invariably prolific, but result from inability to visualize the finished work. If the architect himself approves of changes, that is another matter. The finished building should be the reflection of a competent, interested architect, an adequate building committee, and the genuine coordination of the Holy Spirit.

There is another development area of professional services in church building which is as yet not too well known. This is the work done by church planning consultants. These are usually persons with architectural backgrounds and broad experience in church building and organization, who are specialists in knowing what churches are and what they can be, understanding both the needs and aspirations of church people as well as their limitations. They work professionally with churches and building committees, helping them to find the best solutions for their varied problems. In organizing the building program, the church planning consultant may give invaluable assistance to the committee entrusted with this task. Site selection and site planning problems are involved, as well as construction economics — the type of construction (with attendant materials) selected, or kind of building chosen. Often a church cannot objectively examine its need without guidance from outside, and a building should be the expression of the need of the peoples who will use it. Good acoustics, comfortable seating, choice of materials, colors, etc., are only a few of the preliminary things that

may be discussed with the consultant. He may also make suggestions as to architects available, and especially to those who might be most likely to produce the kind of design that would best satisfy the total need. Add to this advice concerning furnishings, landscaping, equipment, etc. — all are within the province of the church planning consultant.

Problems of church design are extremely difficult, since we want to incorporate so many different things into one unified structure. In this we expect to find a sanctuary with reflection of both historical and contemporary design elements; an educational building with modern arrangement; social and/or recreational facilities; administrative offices and service facilities; etc. — all these under one roof, and in greater or lesser degree, according to the size of the congregation. Considering the magnitude of these problems, we should then be encouraged to seek all the professional help available, even for those modest structures characterizing the average church.

## Jim Wood

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rose to his feet and with tears streaming down his face testified of the saving grace of a living Savior, and that His presence dwelt within his heart. Yes, Jim Wood was a new creature in Christ Jesus. Old things had passed away and all things had become new.

Following his testimony he knelt beside his wife and putting his arm around her wept like a child. Now they were one together to work for the Lord. She had never given up hope, her prayers were answered.

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# Christ's Ambassadors



Walt Boring, D-Cap

## Nevada Youth Camp Is Terrific

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The camp was located at the beautiful 4-H Club Conference Grounds on the sandy shores of crystal clear Lake Tahoe, one of the choice vacation spots in the world.

The spiritual side of the camp was truly wonderful. As a result of the constant presence of the Lord in all of the daily activities, nineteen were saved, sixteen were filled with the Holy Spirit, many were reclaimed and refilled, two were called to be missionaries and 33 found God's will for their lives. All of these were teenagers.

Honorable mention goes to the many people who worked together to make this camp possible. Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Winters of Gardnerville, who located and secured the camp site. Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Shamp of Fallon, who turned out the delicious meals. Rev. and Mrs. Baughman of Elko, who assisted the Shamps. Mrs. Rosetta Woods of Orangevale, who served as camp nurse and the many counsellors who helped direct all of the camps activities. They were: Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Hiatt of Colfax, Rev. Milton Woods of Orangevale, Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Fisher of

Sparks, Ruth Strasdin and Mary Fliford of Fallon, Bob Rannells, Dave Opie and Connie Hampton of Bethany Bible College, Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Winters, Gerry Gomes of Sacramento, Leah Brown of Roseville, Dorothy and Karen Hampton of King City, and Walt and Katy Boring representing the District C. A. Department.

Sparks, Nevada had the largest delegation of campers with 21, followed by Orangevale, California with 14. Rev. Gerald Fisher of Sparks was one of the morning teachers and D-Cap Walt Boring was camp speaker and the other morning teacher.

## D-Cap to Travel to State of Maine

Immediately following the Youth Camp season in this District, D-Cap Walt Boring and his family will travel to the state of Maine where he is scheduled to preach to the Youth Camp there.

He will also be guest speaker in several of the churches on the East Coast. His trip is sponsored by the New England District, whose D-Cap is Rev. Bob Clayton.



D-Cap Walt Boring, second from left, stands in with seven other D-Caps who represent the districts that led the nation in Speed-The-Light giving in 1959. The occasion is the annual Speed-The-Light banquet, held annually at the D-Cap's Convergence in Springfield, Missouri. It is one of the national headquarters most spectacular events.

The trophies and plaques were presented by Rev. Howard Bush, standing in the center of the group, who is an Assistant General Superintendent and in charge of the affairs of the National Christ's Ambassadors Department.

## Fall Convention Bulletin

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